

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-15, 17, 28-31, and 33-52, and replace claims 16, 18, 22, and 27, all as shown below.

1-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended): A system for providing notifications based on a plurality of resources, comprising:

a server executing a first program for receiving notification alerts from the plurality of resources, generating notifications based on the notification alerts, and delivering the notifications[; and] wherein the notification alerts specify a notification type being at least one of format, priority level, retry schedule, and escalation schedule, and wherein the format is at least one of graphics, video, audio and text;

a client executing a second program and a third program, said second program receiving and presenting the notifications without interfering with execution of said third program, and providing access to a designated resource, said third program executing in the foreground of the client; and
a user interface module for allowing a user to configure and customize the system.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended): The system of claim 16, wherein the second program does not generate interrupts in the course of receiving and presenting the notifications.

19. (Original): The system of claim 16, wherein the second program presents the notifications as interactive sprites.
20. (Original): The system of claim 16, wherein the notifications comprise dynamic data.
21. (Original): The system of claim 16, wherein the designated resource comprises a program.
22. (Currently amended): The system of claim 16, wherein the designated resource comprises a program that generated [the] a corresponding notification alert.
23. (Original): The system of claim 16, wherein the first program provides a centralized interface for a resource generating a notification alert.
24. (Original): The system of claim 16, wherein the second program provides a single presentation interface for a resource generating a notification alert.
25. (Original): The system of claim 16, wherein the second program provides a single input interface to interact with a resource generating a notification alert.
26. (Original): The system of claim 16, wherein the second program provides receipt confirmations for successfully delivered notifications.

27. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 16, wherein the notification alerts further comprise notification content and recipient identification.

28-31 (Canceled)

32. (Original): The system of claim 16, further comprising a system reporting module that monitors and reports system activities.

33-52 (Canceled)